

NCPS Mission: To continuously improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery in the region.

NCPS Update: February 2026

A Message from the Executive Director

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March 24th is National Adverse Drug Event Awareness Day. This day was established by the American Society of Pharmacovigilance (ASP) in 2021 to bring awareness to the troubling statistics regarding the patient harm caused by medication errors, and the financial burden of these errors. To combat this escalating crisis, ASP is leading a national action plan - The Third Cause Campaign. This campaign includes the following strategies:

- **A National Medication Safety Task Force** – Uniting healthcare leaders, policymakers, and patient safety advocates to push for stronger regulations, improved prescribing practices, and accountability.
- **Expanded Pharmacovigilance & Medication Safety Training** – Launching a national initiative to integrate ADE prevention strategies into medical, pharmacy, and nursing education to ensure frontline healthcare professionals are equipped to recognize and mitigate risks.
- **Advancing Pharmacogenomics & Precision Medicine** – Promoting policies that [increase access to genetic testing and clinical decision support tools](#), reducing preventable ADEs by tailoring medications to individual patients.
- **Patient Empowerment Through the #ThirdCause Campaign** – Mobilizing the public with tools to advocate for medication safety, report ADEs, and demand safer prescribing practices.

ASP has proposed legislation, The Right Drug Dose Now Act, to advance pharmacogenomics and precision medicine. A [Themes and Messaging document](#) was created to help encourage advocacy for this legislation and is worth the read. To learn more about Adverse Drug Events and steps you can take to help mitigate them in your healthcare setting, I would refer you to the NCPS Q4 2025 Reporting Committee Summary. It is an in-depth review of an NCPS member reported adverse drug event. It may be found on our website in the member's only portion of the [Educational Resources](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, carlasnyder@unmc.edu, with questions, concerns, or to engage with NCPS in your patient safety work.

NCPS Shared Learning Resources

This month's Shared Learning Resource is a recording of the February 10th webinar, "Clicktation" - Explaining Your EHR Note to a Jury. Copic's General Counsel, Matt Groves, JD, was the speaker for this informative session which provides practical considerations for anyone that charts in a patient's record. The recording is slightly less than 60 minutes and is well worth

your time to watch it. You do not need a member's sign on to the website to access the recording. It is found on the NCPS website Educational Resources, Webinars, [Recent Webinars Available for All to View](#).

Learning Opportunities

NPQIC Sponsored Webinar - Advanced Management of Obstetric Hemorrhage;

Beyond Atony

Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 12:00-1:00pm CST

NPQIC Medical Director, Dr. Todd Lovgren, is the speaker for this webinar which offers free CME and Nursing CE to attendees. The objectives for this educational session include:

1. Synthesize advanced concepts that influence management and assessment of hemorrhage, pathophysiology of coagulopathy.
2. Assess pitfalls in the management of hemorrhage.
3. Demonstrate understanding of the purpose of integrating advanced aspects of hemorrhage management.
4. Evaluate how to implement advanced hemorrhage strategies into practice.

Register [here](#). The webinar will be recorded for those unable to listen live.

UNMC's CATCH RURAL Falls Program - Fall Risk Management Education and

Collaboration Series

All Nebraska rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and their staff are invited to join UNMC's CATCH RURAL Falls program. This March - August 2026 education and collaboration series focuses on fall risk management practices for older adults. The sessions are from 12:00 - 12:45pm via Zoom on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 5th
- Thursday, April 2nd
- Thursday, May 14th
- Thursday, June 11th
- Thursday, July 9th
- Thursday, August 6th

Use [this link](#) to register. Or to learn more about the program go to the [CATCH RURAL Falls program website](#).

NPQIC Nebraska Birth Ready Designation Program

NPQIC has announced the launch of a new statewide program which recognizes birthing facilities that demonstrate excellence in evidence-based, safe, respectful, and patient-centered care for mothers and newborns across Nebraska. The designation is based on five key areas:

- Participation and Collaborative Learning
- Patient-Centered Care
- Policies and Procedures
- Structure Measures and Education
- Outcome and Process Measures

Applying for this designation is a way to celebrate your facility's commitment to high-quality maternal and newborn care, gain statewide recognition for evidence-based practices, and for your facility to be among the first birthing facilities in Nebraska to achieve this designation.

[Review the Birth Ready Designation 2026 Requirements](#) or Access the [January 14th launch call](#)

[recording](#) to learn more about the Birth Ready Designation Program and application requirements.

NCPS Sponsored Webinar: The Power of Professional Presence: Communication That Builds Trust and Safety

April 15th 12 noon - 1pm

Ryan Bouda, a Professional Development Specialist with LEAP Team, is our speaker for this session. How we come across matters - to patients, coworkers, staff, and the broader community. Professionalism is not just about policies or standards; it is expressed moment by moment through our presence and communication. In this interactive session, participants will explore how natural communication styles and personal values influence professional interactions. We will examine what professionalism *sounds like* and *feels like* in real-world settings, including phone conversations, and written messages. The session will also focus on essential communication skills such as active listening, verbal delivery (tone, intensity, and cadence), and nonverbal cues that shape trust, clarity, and patient safety.

To learn more and to register, click on "[The Power of Professionalism: Communication That Builds Trust and Safety](#)." NCPS membership is not required to attend this training.

Patient Safety Resources

Medication Errors: Year in Review Safety Issues Related to Labeling, Packaging, and Nomenclature

Medication errors continue to be the largest number of patient harm events reported to Patient Safety Organizations. Preventing these errors is an essential component of caring for patients. The Pharmacy Practice News [recently published a summary table](#) which outlines the significant error prevention strategies recommended in the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert! Acute Care* newsletters published from January through December of 2025.

American's Silent Epidemic Worsens: Adverse Drug Events Now the Third Leading Cause of Death

National Adverse Drug Event Awareness Day is March 24, 2026. This [article](#) from the American Society of Pharmacovigilance (ASP) provides information on their "Third Cause Campaign" which was launched in response to the troubling surge in the incidence of adverse drug events nationwide.

For more information about NCPS and the services we offer, please contact Carla Snyder MT(ASCP)SBB, MHA, Patient Safety Program Director at: carlasnyder@unmc.edu

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